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FINAL FANTASY®

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LOST STRANGER

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Chapter 2

BESIDES, WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO GET BACK HOME, RIGHT?

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU'VE GOTTA ACT!

ONII-CHAN, YUKO TOO! YUKO'S GONNA MAKE IT TOO!

SO LET'S KEEP AT IT A BIT LONGER AND DO OUR BEST!

RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN SE, THE PLACE OF OUR CHILDHOOD DREAMS, AREN'T WE!?

OUR OWN FF!

YOU DON'T NEED A REASON TO HELP PEOPLE.

ONII-CHAN—

Chapter 2 Defying Fate

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RAISE...

...DOESN'T EXIST.....?

...

NO...

THIS IS THE WORLD OF FF, AFTER ALL.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I MEAN...!

GO (THWAK)

YOU'RE A DISGRACE, SHOGO!

—SHOGO-SAN!

GASH! (CRAB)

I KNOW! WHAT ABOUT A PHOENIX DOWN!? OR ARISE!?

I'M BEGGING YOU, SHARU!!!

ANYTHING WILL DO! AS LONG... AS LONG AS YUKO COMES BACK TO LIFE!!!

...DON'T COME BACK TO LIFE!

THOSE WHO DIE...

...JUST GIVE UP.

REI!

DOSHA (FLOP)

POU (SPARKLE)

IT CAN'T BE...!

CHIKA (TWINKLE)

OOOO (GLIMMER)

WH-WHAT'S THAT GLOW ...!?

!?

PAAAAAAAAAAAA (GFLGOOW)

SU (SHF)

GOOOH

JUST LIKE YUKO-SAN...

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CRYSTAL...

GOOO (SHINE)

IT'S VIBRANT, AND CLEAR...

...COME BACK...

...THOSE WHO DIE ...

... DON'T...

BIKU (SHIVER)

YOUR COMPANION'S BURIAL ATTIRE IS READY. PLEASE FOLLOW ME...

NYLPO TOWN ADVEN-TURERS' DEN

OH... YES.

UHM, SHARURU LINKING-FEATHER'S PARTY.

.....
.....

...I.....

BURIAL
—

...IF IT'S TOO MUCH, WE CAN HANDLE THIS FOR YOU.

YOU PEOPLE ARE FOOLS.

ZA (ZOOM)

!

DON (BAM)

Randolph Amaranth
Paladin

YOU WERE CORRECT TO SEEK AID.

HOWEVER, WHY DID YOU THEN CHOOSE TO FIGHT ALONE?

PERHAPS OUR PRESENCE WAS JUST THAT MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN YOURS? NYA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

IF WE FIRST-CLASS ADVENTURERS HADN'T STEPPED IN, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOTALLY WIPED OUUUT. ♥

TOO BAD THAT DRAGON RAN OFF BEFORE WE COULD REALLY GET STARTED, THOUGH.

KH...!

NYA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!

DODON (BABAM)

N'elute Rouh
Thief

YEAH, YEAH, WHAT RANDOLPH SAID.

WHY WOULD YOU BE SO RECKLESS?

OH, AND WHAT'S THAAAT?

KUSU (GIGGLE)

KUSU

KUSU KUSU

YOGO (GRAB)

SHOGO-SAN!

GA (GRAB)

GRI (GRIP)

.....

HMMM?

THERE WERE EVEN TWO LITTLE NEWBIES THERE?

YOU MUST BE ONE OF THEM, YEEES?

JIRO

JIRO (GLARE)

JIRO

LOSING A LIFE BECAUSE OF SOME IMBECILE'S FOOLISH ACTIONS...

...IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN!!!

ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY END UP CAUSING SOMEONE'S DEATH.

—I CAN'T STAND PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THEIR OWN LIMITS...

SPEAK!

WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING SO STUPID !!!?

WHY DID THINGS HAVE TO END UP LIKE THIS?

...WHY... WHY?

YEAH, REALLY— WHY...

WHY...?

WHY...

WHY COULDN'T I SAVE HER?

WHY COULDN'T I STOP HER?

...HADN'T I REALIZED THERE WAS NO RAISE IN THIS WORLD?

YUKO... I'M SORRY.

...AND I LET MY GUARD DOWN.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE SAME WORLD AS FF...

I GOT TOO EXCITED. DIDN'T TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

YEAH, IT'S MY FAULT.

IF I HAD... JUST...

...BEEN MORE RELIABLE...

I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN HER PLACE—

PAKIII (CLOMP?)

RELEASE

NYA-HA-HA~!

YOU'RE EVEN COOL WHEN YOU GET ANGRY, RANDOLPH ♥!

...I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT I'M IGNORING THOSE JOKES OF YOURS.

DOSA (BOOF)

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR AGES, YOU KNOW! ♥♥

HEYYY ♥, WHEN WILL YOU MARRY ME?

N'ELUTE ...

SURISURI (SNUGGLE)
すりすり
I JUST LOVE HOW YOU'RE SO HARD TO GET!
AHH!
GORO
ゴロ
GORO (PLURAL)
ゴロゴロ
GORO
ゴロ
BETA (CLING)
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BETA
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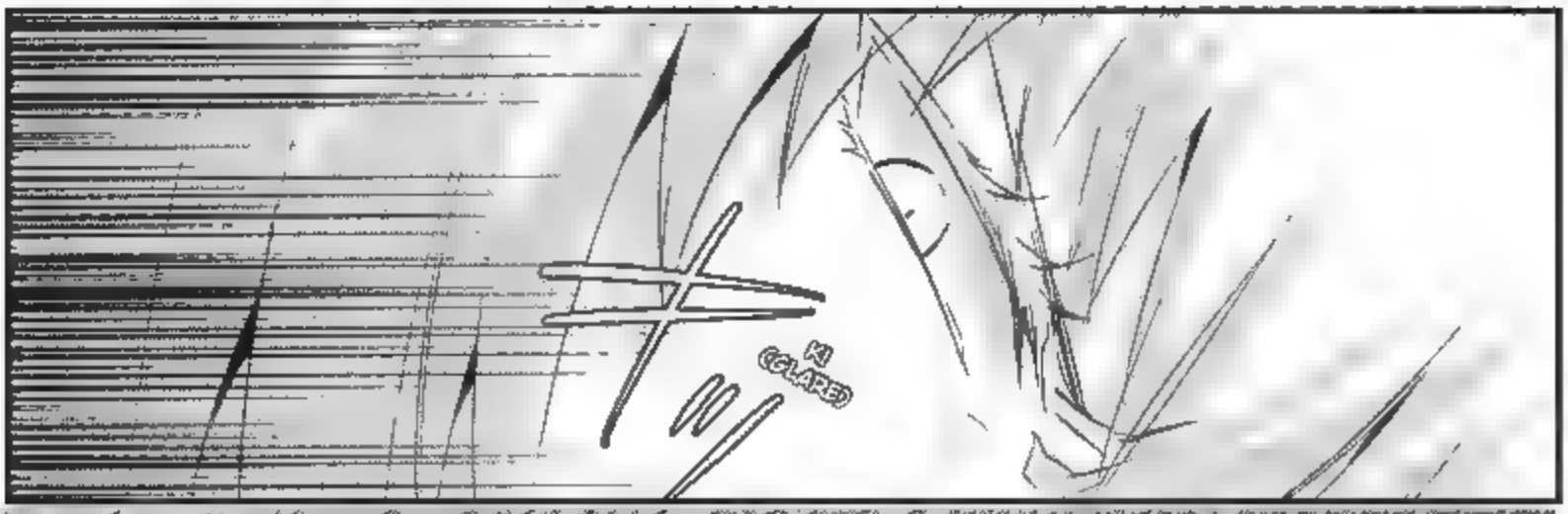
KI (CLAP)

ADVENTURING IS NO GAME.
BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING ELSE YOU'LL REGRET—
GATSUN (THOMP)
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SHOGO-SAN!?
TA (TMP)
TA
TA
KURUU (TURN)
YOU OKAY!?

...LEAVE.

SIGN: CHOCOBO STABLES

HE MADE A FAIR POINT. NO WAY AROUND THAT.

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT I COULDN'T EVEN ARGUE WITH THAT...

PICHICHI (TWEET)

...HMPH. SHE NEEDN'T CONCERN HERSELF WITH THAT WEAKLING!

POT-SUN (EMPTY)

BY THE WAY, HASN'T SHARU BEEN MISSING FOR A WHILE NOW...?

GLANCE

SHE MUST BE WITH SHOGO.

SHARU'S A GAL WHO JUST CAN'T HELP BUT HEAL THE INJURED.

EVEN IF THOSE INJURIES AREN'T PHYSICAL ONES...

GYAA GGLAMOROO

HM? I WAS TALKIN' ABOUT SHARU...

OH, I SEE. I SEE NOW. REI, YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT SHOGO, HUH!?

GYA HA HA HA!

KUPO ...

NWAH! WHAAAT...!? HOW DARE YOU, DUSTON !!!

GYAA

...BUT QUIT BEING SO TENSE.

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE WORRIED TOO...

HUUUH !!?

WHA—? WH-WHO WOULD WORRY ABOUT A GUY LIKE THAT!?

KATSUN (KLAK)

KATSUN

KATSUN

...SHOGO-SAN?

SHIIIN SILENCE

KON (KNOCK)

KON

SHOGO-SAN, IT'S SHARU.

I'M COMING IN...

GACHA (CLICK)

KACHA (CLINK)

I'VE BROUGHT YOU BREAKFAST. PLEASE DO EAT A LITTLE.

OR ELSE YOU WON'T FEEL ANY BETTER...

GYU (SQUEEZE)

SHOGO-SAN, HERE...

SU (FWIP)

CHA (TINK)

.....

...UM...

ZAAAA (GUSH)

IS THIS... FROM BEFORE ...?

.....

...BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU HELD ON TO THIS, SHOGO-SAN...

I KNOW I DIDN'T ASK FIRST...

YES.

IT'S YUKO-SAN'S LIFE CRYSTAL.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...YUKO'S... LIFE?

"CRYSTALS."

THE SYMBOL OF FF...

HAS HE NEVER EXPERIENCED THE PASSING OF ANYONE CLOSE TO HIM...?

YOU DON'T KNOW...ABOUT CRYSTALS?

AND OTHER TIMES...

SOMETIMES THEY ARE PRECIOUS ITEMS WITH JOBS AND SPELLS SEALED WITHIN.

SOMETIMES THEY ARE THE FOUNDATION OF NATURE, CONTROLLING FIRE, WIND, WATER, AND EARTH.

THEIR PURPOSES DIFFER FROM SERIES TO SERIES.

WHEN A BEING'S LIFE COMES TO AN END, WHAT MATERIALIZES FROM ITS BODY IS—

CRYSTALS SERVE AS PROOF OF A PERSON'S LIFE...

A SOUL CRYSTAL.

GYU (CLASP)

PLEASE, SHOGO-SAN...

TAKE YUKO-SAN WITH YOU...

SU (SHIK)

NORMALLY, THEY'RE BURIED WITH THE BODY...

...BUT WHEN THEY BELONG TO LOVED ONES, WE SOMETIMES CARRY THEM CLOSE TO US.

I THOUGHT YUKO-SAN WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO BE WITH YOU, SHOGO-SAN...

...YUKO.

... THIS IS YUKO ...?

THIS...

KORO (ROLL)

...TINY PIECE OF STONE ...!?

KUSHA (SNIFFLE)

—!

GYU GYUU
むにゅうう
MUNIUUU (PRESS)
?!!!

...WHENEVER I FELT SAD...

...MY MOTHER WOULD HOLD ME LIKE THIS.

AS A LITTLE GIRL...

WATA わた

—WAIT, SHARU! WHAA...

WATA (STRUGGLE) わた

わたっ WATA

...I THOUGHT MAYBE THIS WOULD FULLY HEAL YOU TOO, SHOGO-SAN.

.....

SO...

THEN, I WOULD SOMEHOW START TO FEEL BETTER...

!

GUI (PUSH)

PLEASE, STOP!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE !!!

WHAT... WHAT'S WITH YOU...!? HEAL...!!?

YUKO IS...! SHE'S GONE!

I WAS RIGHT THERE, AND STILL! I COULDN'T HAVE SAVED HER, EVEN IF I TRIED!

!

HOW CAN I...

JUST CHEER UP...!!!?

I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY, SHOGO-SAN! I'M...

...BEING SO INCONSID-ERATE...!

SHOGO-SAN...

I JUST DON'T KNOW!!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO FULFILL OUR PROMISE, EITHER ...

YUKO IS...NEVER GOING TO COME BACK TO US...

I KNOW!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW!?

!

I'M SURE YUKO-SAN WOULD WANT THAT TOO.

...PLEASE TRY TO CHEER UP.

GYU (CLENCH)

...PLEASE LET IT ALL OUT NOW.

JUST CRY AND CRY, BUT AFTER-WARD...

THAT YOU HAD BEEN DOWN FOR A WHILE, AND IT WORRIED HER.

...
YUKO-SAN TOLD ME, SHOGO-SAN...

...AND STARTED ADVENTURING WITH US...

BUT EVER SINCE YOU CAME TO THIS VILLAGE...

...YOU FOUND YOUR SMILE AGAIN.

AT LEAST FOR YUKO-SAN.

SO YOU HAVE TO CHEER UP, SHOGO-SAN.

WE— I HAVE TO CHEER YOU UP...!!!

SHE WAS SO GLAD...!

BORO

BORO

BORO (DRIP)

SHE SAID IT MADE HER SO HAPPY ...!

...THEY HAD ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDS ...

...YUKO AND SHARU...

...LOOKED REALLY CLOSE TOGETHER... IT WAS LIKE...

...COME TO THINK OF IT...

WHY DON'T WE ACT? WHY DON'T WE SEARCH?

TO FIND WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NOW.

"WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU'VE GOTTA ACT!"...

...YUKO-SAN SAID THIS, RIGHT?

SU (FWIP)

ONII-CHAN!

"LOOK HARD, STUDY HARD, THINK HARD, AND SEARCH HARD!"...

HOW YOU SHOULD LIVE YOUR LIFE.

PATATA (DRIP)

I STILL HAVE MORE TO LEARN...

TSUU (ROLL)

DON (BAM)

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...SO...

DON

どぉん！

DODON (BABAM)

どぉどぉん!!!

...WHY A PICNIC...?

PICHI (CHIFFT?)

PICHI

PICHI

PICHI

KIRI (SERIOUS) キリッ

SITTING AROUND IN A DARK PLACE IS TOXIC FOR THE BODY!

THE BODY AND SOUL GO TOGETHER!

YOU START BY FULLY HEA... AH.

...
IT'S FINE, YOU CAN SAY "FULLY HEAL".

HA-HA.

I'M SORRY FOR YELLING AT YOU THAT TIME...

DON'T BE...

MOJI (FIDGET) もじ

もじ MOJI

KON (KONKO) コノッ

A HA HA HA HA!

EH HEH HEH ～ HEH!

THERE'S A BITTER-SWEET FEELING IN THE AIR...

...IT'S NOT...

HOW SHOULD I LIVE MY LIFE HERE?

HOW?

SO (SHIK)

...BUT...

...LIKE I STILL HAVEN'T COME TO TERMS WITH THIS REALITY...

GASA (RUSTLE)

SA

SA

SA

DON (BEAM)

BOMBS !!!

B—

SHOGO-SAN?

SHOGO-SAN, STAY BEHIND US, JUST IN CASE...

ハヤ! (HAYA!) MUN (HOOH!)

ヒ (HI) SHUBBBBB! (WHIRRRR)

WELL, MAYBE THIS WILL HELP US DIGEST.

ひっくり返し (HIKKURIKAESHI) (FLIP)

UP WE GO.

LET'S MOP 'EM UP QUICK.

UGH, SO MUCH FOR LUNCH.

...MY BODY IS SHAKING ...

I CAN'T MOVE...!

KATA

GU (GRIP)

KATA

KATA

KATA

KATA

KATA

KATA (SHUDDER)

GACHI FROZEN

GACHI

GACHI

I KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS NOW.

THEY...

...REALLY CAN KILL YOU.

THE "MONSTERS" IN THIS WORLD AREN'T LIKE THE IN-GAME "SMALL-FRY" THAT GIVE YOU EXP AND GIL FOR KILLING THEM.

I'M SCARED!!!!

IT'S OKAY, SHOGO-SAN.

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PLEASE CALM DOWN. THOSE ARE VERY, VERY WEAK MONSTERS.

SO WE'LL BE FINE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

AH!

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...N-NO...

BUT BOMBS ARE—!

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS DEAL A TON OF DAMAGE, BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT CAN WIPE OUT YOUR ENTIRE PARTY.

THESE BOMBS ARE LIKE THE ONES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN EVERY INSTALLMENT AFTER FF2.

WHAT'S MOST DANGEROUS ABOUT THESE BOMBS IS THEIR ULTIMATE ATTACK— "SELF-DESTRUCT".

UNDERESTIMATING THESE SEEMINGLY WEAK MONSTERS CAN GET YOU SERIOUSLY HURT!

GO (WHAM)

PITAAN (PLOP)

REI, WATCH OUT!!!!

!

PIKU

PIKU

PIKU

PIKU (SWITCH)

SHOGO!?

SHOGO-SAN!?

GWAH!?

DO (DOOF)

HUH?

GUGUGUGUGU (GRRRRRR)

BUKU

MISHI

MISHI (CREAK)

BUKU (CRUFF)

BUKU

KA (FLASH)

PON (POOF)

PAPA

...HUH?

PARA (SCATTERED)

GAH-HA-HA-HA-HA!

THE BOMBS HERE ARE ALL WEAK, SO EVEN WHEN THEY SELF-DESTRUCT, THAT'S ABOUT ALL THEY CAN DO. IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

HUH? BUT... WHAA??

OH...S-SORRY, I THOUGHT... IT WAS GOING TO EXPLODE...

PA (POP)

DON'T YOU SCARE ME LIKE THAT! THANKS TO YOU, I GOT CAUGHT IN THE BLAST, AND NOW I'M FILTHY!

HASHI (PLIK)

ZUZUI (ZOOOM)

KIRI (SPARKLE)

OH.

HOW TERRIBLE! I'VE GOT TO FULLY HEAL YOU!

HO (WHEW)

DID YOU TWO GET HURT BY ANY FLYING PEBBLES? YOU DID, DIDN'T YOU!?

I SEE ...

SERIOUSLY... JUST HOW MUCH OF A COWARD ARE YOU!?

HAAAH...

FUKI (WIPE)

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FUKI

PONA (POOF)

CURE, CURE, CUURE!

WA 7 WA 7 WA 7

LET ME JUST WIPE MY FACE FIRST, PLEASE! TOWEL!

WAI— NO, WE DIDN'T TAKE THAT KIND OF DAMAGE, SHARU!

WA 7 WA 7 WA 7 WA 7 WA 7

...MY BODY JUST MOVED ON ITS OWN...

WHEN I THOUGHT IT COULD BE LIKE...WHAT HAPPENED TO YUKO ALL OVER AGAIN...

I'M SORRY...

SORRY.

...HMPH.

HA HA HA

YES! I AM FEELING QUITE HUNGRY NOW!

ZEHAA (HUFF)

KIRA

KIRA (SPARKLE)

NOW, NOW, LET'S JUST TAKE A BREATHER AND GET BACK TO EATIN'!

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU CAST CURE SO MANY TIMES!

ZEHAA

KIRA

JI (STARE)

GEEEKKK

HMM...

WONDER IF THESE MEATBALLS ARE MADE OF AN ANIMAL I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF...

OH YEAH, THIS IS AN FF-LIKE WORLD, BUT IT'S NOT EXACTLY THE SAME AS FF, IS IT?

MY MENTAL ULTIMANIA PROBABLY WON'T HELP MUCH

VLIVLIN CWOHOOMO

FLATBREAD

Simple, unleavened bread made of flour and water.

- Rye Flour
- Table Salt
- Mineral Water
- Honey

ENGIL MEATBALLS

Meatballs made of Englifish

- Englifish
- Dodo Egg
- Wild Onion
- Table Salt

APPLE TART

A round pastry filled with sweet faerie apples and fragrant spices.

- Pie Dough
- Faerie Apple
- Dodo Egg
- Cinnamon
- Honey
- Smooth Butter

ENGIL MEATBALLS

...ade of Englifish

- Englifish
- Dodo Egg
- Wild Onion
- Table Salt

I CAN SEE AN OVERLAY WINDOW!!!

DEDENN GTADA

HUH!? ...HM? WH-WHAT'S THIS!?

NIYARI (GRIN)

MMH! ARE THESE MEATBALLS MADE WITH THAT DELICIOUS DODO MEAT?

HO-HO-HO.

I THINK SO! THEY'RE YUMMY!

WA! (CHATTER)

WA!

WA!

H-HEY... ABOUT THESE WINDOWS OR DISPLAYS OR WHATEVER ...

OH YEAH, HASN'T THIS HAPPENED BEFORE...?

THERE IT IS

SORORI (CAREFULLY)

ENGILFISH... ISN'T IT?

...E—

THAT'S IN THESE MEATBALLS ...

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEE THESE???

!?

WHAT? THEY CAN'T TELL?? DON'T TELL ME...

SFX: PURU PURU (SHIVER)

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DUSTON?

.....H-H-H-H-H-H-H-H—

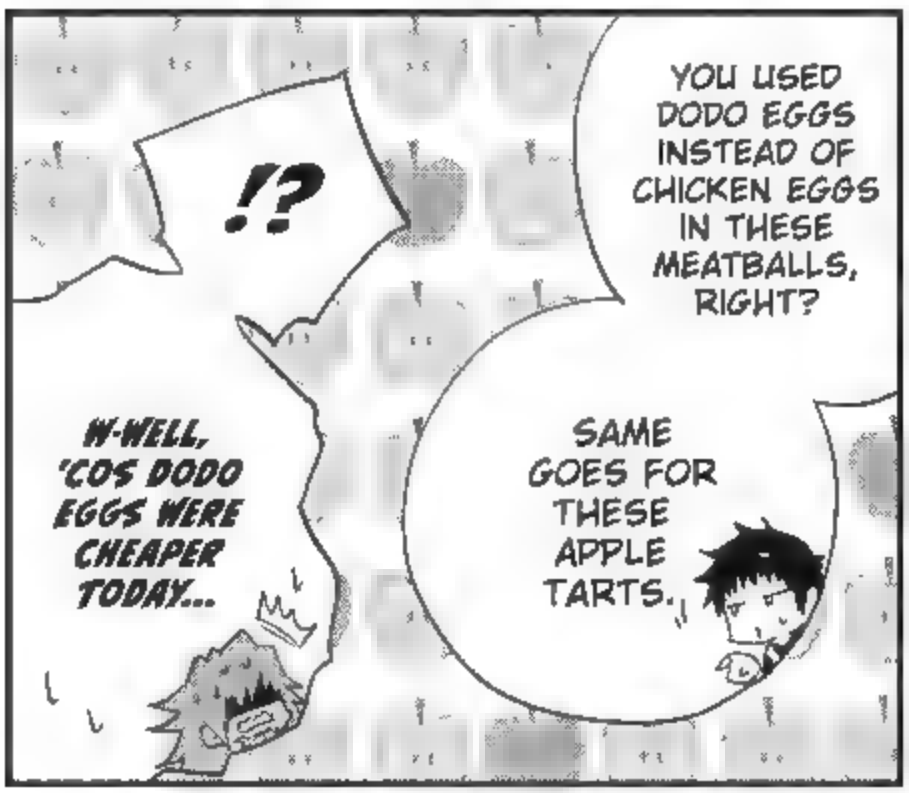
HUH? ENGILFISH? HOW ARE THESE FISHBALLS !?

IS YOUR TONGUE AS USELESS AS YOUR HEAD!?

!!!!

HOW DID YOU KNOWWWW!!?
GOGOGO (ROAR)
PIYA (SPLAT)

WAIT, DUSTON MADE THESE, HUH...?
GO FIGURE
W-WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY TELL, IT'S MORE LIKE I SAW...
THIS WAS MY NEWLY PERFECTED MASTERPIECE DISH... WITH ENGILFISH CAREFULLY PREPARED TO TASTE JUST LIKE GAME MEAT! WHO WOULDA THOUGHT SOMEONE WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL...HMM, SEEMS I NEED TO SHARPEN MY SKILLS MORE. WELL DONE, SHOGO.
GIKURI (GULP)
GO (RUMBLE)


!?
YOU USED DODO EGGS INSTEAD OF CHICKEN EGGS IN THESE MEATBALLS, RIGHT?
W-WELL, 'COS DODO EGGS WERE CHEAPER TODAY...
SAME GOES FOR THESE APPLE TARTS.

WHAT I'M SEEING ISN'T EXACTLY "AN ENEMY'S STATS OR WEAKNESSES," BUT, COULD THIS BE...
GUESS THEY REALLY CAN'T SEE.

AND FOR THIS JUICE—

GONYO

GONYO (MUTTER)

JUST A LITTLE TO ADD FLAVOR.

OH, THERE WAS HONEY IN THE FLATBREAD AS WELL.

THAT WAS CHEAPER TOO...

YOU REPLACED THE MAPLE SUGAR IN THE APPLE TARTS WITH HONEY, RIGHT?

THOSE WERE —

THAT WAS —

WELL, —

GONYO

THE INGREDIENTS FOR THIS SAUCE—

AND THIS SALAD—

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"LIBRA"...

...YOU SAY!?

...IT'S ALSO, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN...

...ISN'T IT?

...A SPELL THAT ONLY EXISTS IN FAIRY TALES"...

YOU KNOW OF IT?

KNOW OF IT? THAT SPELL IS...

!

FAIRY TALES!?

WAIT A SECOND! ...THEN...

...IF THIS ABILITY I HAVE REALLY IS LIBRA...!?

ABILITY?

...RIGHT NOW, MY EYES CAN SEE THIS FOOD'S "INFORMATION."

THAT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TO SPOT ALL THAT.

...I CAN SEE IT.

I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT I CAN AND CAN'T SEE, BUT...

THE INFORMATION IS...

.....THE "LIBRA" FROM THE FAIRY TALES...

...IS SEEN AS THE *"ALL-SEEING EYE OF THE GODS"*...

...CLEARLY VISIBLE...

BUT REI, WE COULDN'T TELL AT ALL WHEN WE TRIED THE FOOD OURSELVES.

MMH ...

HMPH.

THAT'S PREPOS-TEROUS!

ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL US THAT "EYE" MAGIC OF YOURS TOLD YOU WHAT WAS INSIDE THAT FOOD?

TELL ME ANY FAIRY TALES OR LEGENDS YOU KNOW!!

HEY, COULD YOU TELL ME MORE?

...OR EVEN ANY OTHER REVIVAL SPELLS!

ABOUT LIBRA, RAISE...

I SUPPOSE... I HAVE HEARD SOME FROM MY TEACHER...

....THE ONES I KNOW ARE ALL JUST CHILDREN'S TALES.

ALL I WANT IS INFOR-MATION!

PLEASE !!!

DON (BAM)

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...IF I SUMMARIZE THEM, IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
SO, THE STORIES ABOUT REVIVAL SPELLS I GOT FROM THOSE TWO...
KARI (SCRIBBLE)

A STORY OF MALE AND FEMALE MAGES NAMED DOGA AND UNEI USED RAISE.

A STORY FROM SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO WHERE THE WHITE WIZARD MINWU USED RAISE.

A STORY OF A LINE OF FAR EASTERN KINGS WHO SOUGHT THE REVIVAL TECHNIQUE OF "SOUL REVERSAL."

A STORY OF A LEGENDARY TREE THAT COULD BRING BACK THE DEAD.

IF WE LOOK BEYOND MAGIC, THERE IS THE STORY OF MATOYA THE WITCH, WHO MADE REVIVAL POTIONS.

FINALLY...

...THERE IS THE TALE OF THE "PHOENIX," A MYTHICAL BEAST WITH THE POWER TO REVIVE THE DEAD.

THE PROBLEM IS...

THERE ARE PARTS MY FF KNOWLEDGE ALLOW ME TO UNDERSTAND...

...BUT SOME PARTS ARE UNKNOWN TO ME...

...FIGURING OUT WHETHER OR NOT THESE TALES ARE ENTIRELY FICTION.

WHAT IF THIS IS **HISTORY** ...?

WHAT IF THESE FOLKTALES WERE BASED ON FACT—

...NO, IN THE FIRST PLACE...

!

AH!

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IF THAT'S THE CASE...

...THEN WHAT ABOUT SPELLS FROM OTHER FABLES ...?

POTSURI (MUTTER)

...IF "LIBRA" FROM THE FAIRY TALES...

...WERE TO EXIST IN THIS WORLD...

...COULD ALSO EXIST!!!

...THEN RAISE...

.....

...UHM.

...THAT COULD BE A POSSIBILITY.

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IF SHOGO'S ABILITY *REALLY IS* "LIBRA", THEN...

SHOGO-SAN!

YEAH!

LOOK, STUDY, THINK, AND SEARCH ...!

IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE AT ALL !!!

...

GU (GRIP)

...HOW I'M GOING TO LIVE...!

...I'VE DECIDED...

SHARU...

I WILL SEARCH FOR RAISE !!!

TO BRING YUKO BACK TO LIFE!!!!

YEAH, I'M SERIOUS! DEAD SERIOUS.

GU (FROWN)

...ARE YOU SERIOUS?

SAAA (SWAY)

I ALSO... WANT TO BELIEVE IT EXISTS, SO...

SO!

I WON'T LAUGH!

...AND YOU MIGHT LAUGH AT ME FOR TRYING SOMETHING SO STUPID ...

THIS MIGHT SOUND REALLY STRANGE AND UNREALISTIC TO YOU...

DODON (DADUM)

I'M GOING TO SEARCH WITH YOU!

LET'S GO TOGETHER, SHOGO-SAN !!!

BAN (DUMM)

ALL WE HAVE SO FAR ARE JUST SOME FABLES! CONSIDER REALITY!!!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!

REVIVAL SPELLS CANNOT POSSIBLY EXIST! IF THEY DID, THEN SOMEONE WOULD HAVE FOUND THEM AND EVERYONE WOULD BE USING THEM ALREADY!!

SHARU!!!

SHARU ...!

—!

KI (ANGRY)

...I WANT TO BELIEVE.

...EVEN SO...

LEND US YOUR STRENGTH.

URURU (TEARY)

PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU,

SO (GLASP)

REI, PLEASE.

!

KIRA
KIRA
KIRA

WHICH MEANS WE SHOULD START BY CHECKING WITH HIM... BUT WILL THAT MAN EVEN SEE US?

HMPH. IF THE LIBRARY WERE TO HAVE IT, WOULD WE NOT HAVE KNOWN ALREADY?

...THAT MAN... I SUPPOSE ...

THAT MAN?

W- WAIT, WHO IS "THAT MAN" ANYWAY?

I'LL DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HELP US! PLEASE TELL ME!

A BROKER...! YOU THINK HE'LL KNOW!?

GREAD TREID.

THE INFORMATION BROKER!

UNFORTUNATELY, HE'S A BIT OF A PROBLEM CHARACTER.

?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN??

DO YOU THINK HE WILL EVEN TELL US WHETHER HE KNOWS OR NOT?

I WONDER ...

HE DEALS IN HIGH-QUALITY INFORMATION, BUT HE'S BEST KNOWN FOR HIS EXORBITANT PRICES!

HE CHARGES ENORMOUS SUMS AND MAKES IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION.

ALSO KNOWN AS "THE GIL MONGER"!

"GREEDY GREAD."

UHHYAAAAAAAH!

うっひゃあああああっ

TEN MILLIONNNN !!??

TEN—!?

OSORU (HESITANT)

おそる

...HOW MUCH ARE WE TALKING HERE...?

OSORU

おそる

...SHE WAS ASKED TO COUGH UP *TEN MILLION GIL.*

I'VE HEARD THAT WHEN A NOBLEWOMAN ASKED GREAD TO FIND HER HUSBAND'S SECRET GIL STASH...

...B-BY THE WAY, HOW MUCH GIL DO WE HAVE RIGHT NOW?

...IF YOU ASKED GREAD, HE COULD PROBABLY TELL YA...

EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS NOBODY WOULD KNOW...

...WHICH MEANS PEOPLE VALUE HIS INFORMATION THAT MUCH.

BUT EVEN AT THOSE PRICES, HE'S NEVER SHORT OF CUSTOMERS AT HIS SHOP...

SIGN: TRADESCRAFT SHOP

!!!!

GAAN (SHOOOCK)

CHARIN (CLINK)

150 GIL!

IT'S A BOMB FRAGMENT.

SU (SHO)

GOSO (RUMMAGE)

GOSO

WELL, FOR NOW, LET'S JUST SELL THIS STUFF AND POCKET A LITTLE GIL.

IT'S GREAT FOR STARTING CAMPFIRES!

I SEE

THEN IT'S LESS A COMBAT ITEM AND MORE A REPLACEMENT FOR A MATCH OR A LIGHTER, HUH.

HO (WHEW)

EEGYAAAHHH.

A "BOMB FRAGMENT" !?

THAT'S A DAMAGE-DEALING ITEM! WATCH OUT!!!

PIKOON (JUMP)

?

THOUGH THAT WOULDN'T EVEN DO MUCH DAMAGE EITHER.

...AS LONG AS YOU DON'T HIT IT HARD OR PUT IT NEAR FIRE, IT WON'T EXPLODE.

BOMB FRAGMENT

A small fragment from a Bomb-type monster.

VUVUN (WOWOOM)

(PEEEK)

SORORI (AREFULL)

ズゥゥゥゥゥン!!

DEDENN (LOAD)

ボムのかけら
1ギル

THEY'RE DIRT CHEAP!

AH...

SIGNS: DISCOUNT!! BOMB FRAGMENTS: 1 GIL

MMM...

I WONDER HOW MUCH THEY SELL FOR.

JUDGING BY THE PRICES I SEE IN THIS WORLD, I'D SAY 1 GIL IS ABOUT 1 YEN, SO...

YEAH...

しゃ!

GU (CLENCH)

THE GRAND LIBRARY!

MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A LUCKY FIND THERE!

WHY DON'T WE TRY GOING THERE FIRST!?

AH, WELL...

yup...

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO

こんもり☆

HUH?

UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T GO THERE EITHER...

IT'S NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE GRAND LIBRARY IS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.

OH NO, UMM...

あせ (ASE) (SWEAT)

すー すー すー

(ZUZUZLILILIN) (DEPRESSED)

IF WE WERE AT LEAST MORE RENOWNED ADVENTURERS, THEN MAYBE...

I'M SORRY....

あせ ASE

(ZU) (SNIFFLE)

SOCIETY'S THAT IS...

HYUNU (WHOOSH)

GUESS YOU NEED MONEY OR FAME TO GET BY IN ANY WORLD.

IT SURE IS TOUGH ...

WAIT A SEC.

...NO ...

HATA (CHWLIP)

A LITTLE NEWBIE LIKE YOU!!!?

HMPH! WHY NOT JUST GET YOURSELF INVITED TO RANDOLPH'S PARTY, THEN?

NYA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

THAT WOULD BE THE FASTEST WAY!

THOSE GUYS WOULDN'T EVEN CONSIDER ME...

NAAH...

I KNOW, "LIBRA (MAY-BE)"!

I HAVE "LIBRA", DON'T I!!!?

DODON (DADUMM)

I'M THE STRON-GEST!

IF I USE THIS POWER TO READ EVERYTHING'S WEAKNESSES ...

...WE'LL BE RICH AND FAMOUS IN NO TIME!

WE'LL BE ABLE TO BUY INFO AND ENTER THE GRAND LIBRARY!!!

...AND DEFEAT ALL THE TOUGH ENEMIES...

WHAT'RE YA LOOKIN' AT!?

じっ

JI (STARE)

TCH

SKRN (GRUFF)

...HM?

しーん...

GREATER COST EFFECTIVENESS ですって!!!

GOOOO (ZOOM)

THAT'S IT! IT'S SETTLED THEN, TIME TO RESEARCH!

じっ

JI

ブーン

BUUN (VZOOM)

EH HEH HEH. OFF TO A PARTY TODAY

...HUH?

SKRN

しーん...

SIGN: (FINEST) CHOCOBO MANJUU

CHOCOBO MANJUU

A manjuu in the shape of a Chocobo. One of Nyipo's most popular products. Comes in three varieties.

PIKOON (JUMP)

ぴこーん

!!?

HUH?

HUH?

HUUH?

じっ

KYORO (STUPID)

KYORO

HUUUUUUUUH!!?

KYORO

KYORO

KYORO

KYORO

KYORO

きょ～ん

MEOW

I CAN ONLY RESEARCH ITEM INFORMATION ...??

...IS THE ONE THAT CAN'T READ WEAKNESSES !?

DEDEN (TADAA)

ズゥゥゥン!

PITA (FREEZE)

ピタ

...OH, DON'T TELL ME THIS...

ピキピキピキ (FREEZING)

WHAT GOOD IS THIS ABILITY !!!?

ZAWA (MURMUR)

ZAWA

ZAWA

SLOW AND STEADY'S THE BEST APPROACH ...

GUESS GETTING RICH QUICK IS OUT THE WINDOW TOO...

!!!!

THAT'S !!!

THE DRAGON FROM BEFORE !!!!

DODON DADUM

A POSTER ....?

NO KIDDING. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S GOING ON? THERE'S A CROWD...

WANTED

50,000

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN ZEROES ...

AND TWO...

...HEY, LOOK.

THE PRICE ON ITS HEAD HAS INCREASED.

NO WAY!! THAT MUCH!!?

DON (ZOOMING)

TWENTY MILLION GIL!!!?

!!!

I'VE GOTTA ACT.

...I KNOW.

IF YOU ASK GREAD, HE COULD PROBABLY TELL YA.

YOU'VE GOTTA ACT!

IF THERE ARE ANY LEADS...

...I HAVE TO GRASP FOR THEM.

BUT...

TOTALLY WIPED OUT. ♥

DOKUN

KATA (SHAKE)

KATA

DOKUN (KATHUMP)

ZOWA SHUDDER

DOKUN
DOKUN
DOKUN
DOKUN
DOKUN
DOKUN
BUT...
STILL ...!
DOKUN
DOKUN
DOKUN
KACHI (SHIVER)
KACHI
KACHI
KACHI
KACHI
DOKUN
DOKUN
...LEAVE.
BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING ELSE YOU'LL REGRET...
ADVENTURING IS NO GAME.
—WHAT DO I DO?

DOOON (BAAAMM)

WHAT AM I

...SUP-POSED TO DO !!!?

TO BE CONTINUED...

TRANSLATION NOTES

COMMON HONORIFICS
no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.
-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.
-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.
-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.
-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

O*nii-chan*: An affectionate term used for older brothers or brother figures.

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